

REMARKS

Upon review of the Examiners comments, and upon further consideration of the best manner in which to describe the invention, a decision was made to restate the Application substantially in whole, rather than attempt to restate the Application in part. However, it should be noted that, although the descriptions, drawings and other related materials have been restated for purposes of clarity, no new material is included herewith. Applicant contends that the enclosed Amendment A is a restatement, in a more clear, concise and comprehensive fashion, of the material previously submitted for consideration.

Similarly, Claim 1 has been amended to provide for Claims 1 through 18 for the purpose of clarifying the subject matter regarded as the invention. Claim 1, as originally filed, is pending.

The Examiner has indicated that Claim 1, as originally filed, was objected to because of certain informalities. These informalities have been corrected in Claims 1 through 18.

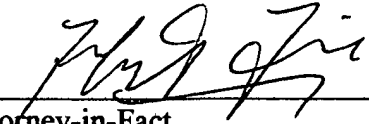
The Examiner has indicated that Claim 1, as originally filed, contained allowable subject matter. Claims 1 through 18 are intended to include all of the base claims and any intervening claims. It is therefore believed that Claims 1 through 18 are allowable.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1 under 35 USC 112, which states, in part, "The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention." We have undertaken to revise the Specification to respond, specifically, to this ground for rejection. In addition, we have undertaken specifically to conform the Specification and the Claims.

Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested based on the preceding remarks. If at any time the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful, please contact the undersigned.

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Respectfully submitted,



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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached three drawings represent major revisions to Figures 1 and 2, as originally filed; accordingly, Figures 1, 2 and 3, attached to this Amendment A, replace the original Figures 1 and 2. The new Figures 1, 2 and 3 are explained in detail in the accompanying amended Specification.